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Dear Mr. Kalston:

The California Environmental Protection Agency (Cal/EPA), Office of Emergency Services, Office of the State Fire Marshal, Department of Toxic Substances Control, and the State Water Resources Control Board conducted a program evaluation of the Tuolumne County Environmental Health Department Certified Unified Program Agency (CUPA) on March 22 and 23, 2006. The evaluation consisted of a review of program elements, an in-office program review, and field oversight inspections. The State evaluators completed a CUPA Evaluation Summary of Findings with your agency's program management staff, which includes identified deficiencies, with preliminary corrective actions and timeframes, program observations and recommendations, and examples of outstanding program implementation.

Cal/EPA has received documentation of and appreciates the corrective actions taken by Tuolumne County Environmental Health Department CUPA for most of the deficiencies found during the 2006 evaluation process. After reviewing the Evaluation Summary of Findings and the documentation of corrective actions, Cal/EPA finds there is one remaining deficiency in the process of being corrected; The CUPA is not ensuring that Business Plans are being reviewed every three years, per HSC 25505(c). However, there has also been a significant change in staff and management within the Tuolumne County program over the past eighteen months. Because of this, the 2006 evaluation finding of unsatisfactory will remain unchanged until Cal/EPA completes the scheduled February 4, 2009 evaluation. The remaining deficiency from the 2006 evaluation will be incorporated into the new evaluation results.

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Thank you for your continued commitment to the protection of public health and the environment. If you have any questions or need further assistance, you may contact me at (916) 327-5097 or jbohon@calepa.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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